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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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In re the Application of:

Alexandria, VA 22313-1540

Sir:

Please find attached a Preliminary Amendment to the above-captioned patent application.

We believe this amendment should place the application in a condition for allowance on the first

Office Action. Should the Examiner have any questions, suggestions, or requirements to attain

allowability, we are ready to respond immediately.

Respectfully,

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